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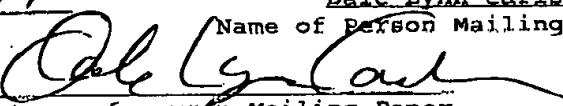
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated April 26, 1999, Examiner Celsa required restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 between claims of Group I (1-11 and 35-38), the claims of Group II (claims 12-24 and 32-34), the claims of Group III (claims 25-31), and the claim of Group IV (claim 39). Responsive to this restriction requirement, Applicants hereby

While Applicants agree with the Examiner that the identified groups of claims are distinct, it is Applicants' position that a search of prior art for the biocidal composition of Group I will require a search of prior art that is relevant to the method of making the composite particle of Group II. Thus, Applicants believe that the claims of Group I and Group III are so interrelated as to require simultaneous search and examination. Such simultaneous examination would provide a saving of time and expense for both the Patent Office and the Applicants. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

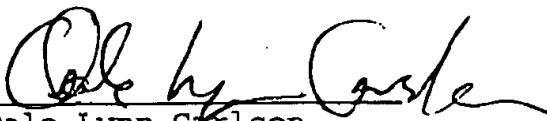
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